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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

7769

Agenda Number

84.

Meeting Date:

July 28, 2011

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract with CALDWELL COUNTRY CHEVROLET, Caldwell, TX, or one of the other qualified bidders for IFB-BV SAP0123, for the purchase of five 15-passenger vans in an amount not to exceed \$114,880.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$91,904 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Vehicle Acquisition Fund. Funding in the amount of \$22,976 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing
Language:

Best evaluated bid of four bids received.

Prior Council
Action:



For More
Information:

Sharon Patterson, Senior Buyer, 972-4014

Boards and
Commission
Action:

To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on July 18, 2011.

MBE / WBE:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority – Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

Related Items:



Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of five replacement passenger vans which are capable of transporting up to 15 passengers. Four of the vans will be assigned to the Fleet Service's rental pool and one will be assigned to Austin Energy.

The Austin Climate Protection Program team and Fleet staff have worked together to develop a vehicle purchasing process in our progress towards our citywide objective of obtaining carbon neutrality by 2020. The development of the purchasing criteria incorporates emissions impact, available technologies on the market, physical demands on the vehicle, and service application. These criteria are applied to all vehicles submitted to Fleet for purchase.

In order to determine the best value to the City, evaluation criteria included cost of the vans and local economic impact.

All of these vehicles are powered by E85 flex fuel, meaning they can operate on a blend of 85% ethanol with 15% gasoline. E85 provides roughly a 15% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions relative to gasoline.

Departments review the list of vehicles determined eligible for replacement by Fleet Services based on mileage, hours of use, and maintenance costs. From that list, priority uses were determined within the departments, and the proposed equipment was reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use.

All of these replacement vehicles have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each vehicle to be replaced, and determined that the mileage or hours of use of each vehicle proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.

This request allows for the execution of a contract with a bidder, who provides the best value to the City, that Council selects. If this bidder does not execute a contract with the City, staff will return to Council so that Council may select another best-value bidder and authorize a contract with this bidder.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB Best-Value No. SAP0123

(1 line item)

Caldwell Country Chevrolet Caldwell, TX	\$114,880
Caldwell Country Ford Caldwell, TX	\$116,830
Rush Truck Centers of Texas LP New Braunfels, TX	\$128,460
Classic Chevrolet Sugar Land LLC	\$142,735

Sugar Land, TX

A copy of the complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing website.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Fifty notices were sent, four bids were received. There are no known MBE/WBEs available for this commodity.
- c. This is the first recent purchase for this item; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best-evaluated bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Fleet's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.